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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph.

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-- The display shown in Fig. 9 illustrates how a display can simultaneously present a television program and a chat room. The television program and chat room may be independent. That is, a user could change TV shows without changing chat rooms and vice-versa --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 10, 14, 15, 16, and 18 as follows.

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10. A method of assigning a user to a chat room, the method comprising:
providing a user interface that displays television programming;
transmitting identification of the television programming displayed on the user interface to a network server; and
presenting a chat room on the user interface that includes messages received by the network server from other users viewing the television programming.

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14. The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting identification comprises transmitting identification in response to a change of channel.

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